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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 6/20/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Kato does not teach the limitation "when the data set is deleted from the unit recording area of the information recording, the recording means deletes the added padding data."

In response, the examiner respectfully disagrees. In Fig. 17A and 17B, the user is able to specify a range of deletion. When the user chooses to delete the last aligned unit as shown in Fig. 13A-13D, the null packets are also deleted. Therefore, Kato teaches the limitation "when the data set is deleted from the unit recording area of the information recording, the recording means deletes the added padding data."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kato (US 7,106,946 B1)

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Consider claims 1 and 4-6, Kato teaches a recording apparatus for recording streaming data on an information recording medium, the recording apparatus comprising:

- detecting means for detecting a boundary between data sets that successively constitute the streaming data (stream analyzer of Fig. 1);
- accumulating means for accumulating the streaming data (stream analyzer of Fig. 1); and
- recording means for recording the streaming data accumulated in the accumulating means in a unit recording area of the information recording medium when: the amount of the streaming data accumulated in the accumulating means has reached a capacity of the unit recording area of the information recording medium, and, the boundary of the data sets is detected by the detecting means, regardless of the amount of the streaming data accumulated in the accumulating means and wherein the recording means identifies a start boundary at a beginning of the unit recording area and an end

boundary at the end of the unit recording area by determining each time the stream data coincides to a complete data set if the complete data corresponds to a whole area of the unit recording area and adding padding data subsequent to the streaming data accumulated in the accumulating means until the total amount of data reaches the capacity of the unit recording area of the information recording medium, wherein the recording means records resulting data in the unit recording area of the information recording medium (write section of Fig. 1, and col. 6, lines 45-67 and col. 7, lines 1-13).

- Wherein the boundary of each data set is recorded in a position coinciding with a cluster boundary, wherein, when the data set is deleted from the unit recording area of the information recording medium, the recording means deletes the added padding data, wherein streaming data in a next unit recording area coinciding with a next data set remains (Fig. 13A-13D, Fig. 17A, Fig. 17B, and col. 11, lines 7-46)

Consider claim 2, Kato teaches a recording apparatus, wherein the streaming data is an MPEG stream and the data sets are groups of pictures (col. 7, lines 48-51).

Consider claim 3, Kato teaches a recording apparatus, wherein the unit recording area of the information recording medium is a cluster (col. 5, lines 49-63).

Consider claims 7 and 10-12, Kato, teaches a recording apparatus for recording streaming data on an information recording medium, the recording medium comprising:

- generating means for generating the streaming data by encoding an information signal based on a predetermined encoding scheme so that the data amount of data sets that successively constitute the streaming data will be an integer multiple of a capacity of a unit recording area of the information recording medium (stream data base maker, file system, error correction section, and modulator of Fig. 1);
- recording means for recording the streaming data generated by the generating means on the information recording medium (write section of Fig. 1).
- wherein recording is initiated when the amount of the streaming data accumulated has reached a capacity of the unit recording area of the information recording medium, wherein recording is initiated when the boundary of the data sets is detected regardless of the amount of the streaming data accumulated, and wherein the recording has a start boundary at a beginning of the unit recording area and an end boundary at the end of the unit recording area by determining each time the stream data coincides to a complete data set if the complete data corresponds to a whole area of the unit recording area and adding padding data subsequently to the streaming data accumulated until the total amount of

data reaches the capacity of the unit recording area of the information recording medium, and recording resulting data in the unit recording area of the information recording medium (col. 6, line 45-col. 7, line 13, and write section of Fig. 1), and

- wherein a boundary of a data set is recorded in a position coinciding with a cluster boundary, wherein when the data set is deleted from the unit recording area of the information recording medium, the recording means deletes the added padding data, and wherein streaming data in a next unit recording area coinciding with a next data set remains (Fig. 13A-13D, Fig. 17A, Fig. 17B, and col. 11, lines 7-46).

Consider claim 8, Kato teaches a recording apparatus, wherein the information signal is a video signal, the streaming data is an MPEG stream, and the data sets are groups of pictures (col. 7, lines 48-51).

Consider claim 9, Kato teaches a recording apparatus, wherein the unit recording area of the information recording medium is a cluster (col. 5, lines 49-63).

Conclusion

2. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TAT CHI CHIO whose telephone number is (571)272-9563. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on (571)-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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